

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday September 7th 2003**

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## **Worked All Ireland**

It was with deep regret that we learned over the weekend of the sad news of the recent death of Dick King G3PFS who became a silent key on the 26th of July 2003. Dick was a frequent caller into the WAI net on 7.068 and had achieved the Basic, Bronze, Silver and Gold awards number 046 and number 024 for the Island award. We express our deepest sympathy with his surviving relatives and friends. May he rest in peace.

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## **EI5EM Web Site**

Tony, EI5EM is currently in the process of updating his Amateur Radio Pages on the QSL.NET server. A discussion message board has been added as part of the process. This is available to all amateurs who are seeking components, equipment or general information on any aspect of the hobby, including items for sale. It is hoped that the board will also be useful as a sounding board for personal views on amateur radio. Tony has started the ball rolling by posting his own views on the almost imminent demise of the Morse requirement for obtaining a licence.

The message board can be accessed as a link from Tony's website at [qsl.net](http://qsl.net). The full address of the site is [www.qsl.net/ei5em](http://www.qsl.net/ei5em) If you wish to use this free service please confine postings to radio related topics and of course be courteous at all times.

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## **Power Line Transmission (PLT)**

ESB have announced that they are to commence experiments in Power Line Transmission (PLT) in October. PLT is a system whereby Broadband Internet connections are made available over power lines. The experiments are scheduled to take place in Port Laoise and Tuam, Co. Galway.

In experiments on the Continent and in the US, PLT has proven to be a very controversial system mainly due to the high level of interference it generates for other spectrum users - including Radio Amateurs. Accordingly, IRTS has been in touch with ComReg to express concern that these experiments are now going ahead and to request that ComReg ensures that PLT can only take place in EI on a strictly non-

interference basis.

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### **Blarney Rally**

This year the Blarney Rally will be held on Sun the 21st of September at the Blarney Park Hotel Co. Cork. The official website of the Blarney Rally is [www.blarneyrally.com](http://www.blarneyrally.com) Blarney is just 2 miles from Cork and is accessible from all major routes.

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### **MREN Rally**

The 2003 Mayo Rally will be held on Sunday November the 16th in The Belmont Hotel, Knock, with doors opening at 11.00 a.m. Listeners will remember the success of the first Mayo rally last year, and the club are already hard at work to ensure a repeat success.

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### **South Dublin Radio Club**

Although there was no entry from South Dublin Radio Club in the Autumn Counties Contest, a number of SDR members were active individually during the contest. Mike EI4JL was on Sorrel Hill in Wicklow, also in Wicklow Kyle EI2JO operated from Tonlague. Joe EI7GY was back in the Midlands, this time on Arderin, Co. Laois, the highest point in the Slieve Bloom Mountains, while Tom EI7HT operated from home in County Dublin.

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### **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

John EI8JA and Eoin EI7FXB took part in the EI Counties Contest on Sunday last. Using the callsign EI2WRC/P from White Mountain, Co. Wexford, the group made a large number of QSO's.

The next general meeting of the club will take place on Wednesday the 24th of September at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. All are welcome.

The 2 metre voice repeater EI2WRC at Mt. Leinster will remain off air for the next couple of weeks for essential maintenance and upgrade. In the meantime, the IRTS Radio news from Waterford at 9.30 p.m. each Tuesday night will be read on 145.575

MHz. Updates will be announced in coming weeks.

### Shannon Basin Radio Club Challenge.

The Shannon Basin Radio club is running a one day Open, Fixed, Challenge for EI residence. This challenge is open to all licenced operators and short wave listeners, and will be held annually on the First Sunday of November. The purpose of the challenge is to encourage radio operators and short wave listeners to be active on the H.F bands.

The challenge will have three modes of operation, and the winner in each mode will be awarded with the following;

The Lough Allen Shield will be awarded to the highest score in SSB. The Lough Ree Shield will be awarded to the highest score in CW (A1A). The Lough Derg Shield will be awarded to the highest score for SWL. The above winners will also receive a personal trophy.

To receive a copy of the rules for the above challenge, please send a stamped address envelope to the contest manager EI6HW, Noel Mulvihill, Hillquarter, Coosan, Athlone, Co. Westmeath or e-mail [nfmulvihill@eircom.net](mailto:nfmulvihill@eircom.net).

It is very important that persons intending to compete must send notification 10-days prior to the contest date, so get a copy of the rules early.

The next meeting of Shannon Basin Radio Club will take place this coming Wednesday.

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Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded Mark Wall EI7IS. He can be contacted on 087-6302026. News can also be submitted via e-mail to [news@irts.ie](mailto:news@irts.ie) for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

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